

DEGREE TASK FORCE OF THE EMS BOARD MINUTES

Committee Minutes	Degree Task Force of the Education Committee
Date	Tuesday June 19 th , 2018
Time	2:30 PM CDST
Location	665 Mainstream Drive Nashville, TN Poplar Room
Participants Present	Tim Strange, John Reeves, Jeff Roberts, Kevin Spratlin, Drew Hooker, Rick Valentine, Tommy Copeland, Bill Reuter, Pam Kiestler
Participants Absent	David Bryant, Kevin Alspaugh, Roger McDiffett, Merry Mattix, Bernie McBurnett, Dan Wheeley, Stan Clark, Jimmie Edwards, Chuck Latimer, Andrew Reed

Overall Lead	Topic	Summary/Decisions	Assignments / Next Steps	Responsible Person	Time Frame
Tim Strange	Roll Call/Introduction	Roll call was done and a quorum was declared by the Chairman.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Tim Strange	Minute Approval	No minutes were presented for approval.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Kevin Spratlin	Survey Report	There were two surveys conducted. EMS directors survey was sent and 168 were completed. Mr. Spratlin reviewed the results of this survey. The second survey was from the personnel 972 responses were received. Mr. Spratlin presented these results from this survey also.	n/a	n/a	n/a
Drew Hooker	Research Committee	No meeting has been held since the last meeting. The Chairman asked the committee to research pass rates on the NREMT exam and attainment of higher education. Mr. Hooker asked to replace Mr. Alspaugh on the Research due to recurring schedule conflicts.	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Tim Strange	Old Business	None	n/a	n/a	n/a
Time Strange	New Business	<p>Mr. Valentine questioned the further need of pursuing a degree requirement as a result of the survey.</p> <p>Mr. Valentine made a motion to abolish the prospect of moving forward with a associate degree as a requirement for paramedic licensure at this time and report to the Board that such pursuit is not feasible. A second was received from Pam Kiestler. A lengthy discussion was held.</p> <p>Mr. Valentine and Ms. Kiestler withdrew their motion and second.</p> <p>Mr. Valentine made a new motion: Based on the data collected from a statewide survey done of EMS Directors, EMS personnel, EMS students and educational institutions that this Task Force feels it is not feasible for the Tennessee Division of EMS to require an Associates degree for the initial Paramedic Licensure; however, the task force does recommend all education institutions offer a degree pathway. A second was received from Ms. Kiestler. Further discussion was held on this motion.</p> <p>A roll call vote was taken:</p> <p>John Reeves – No</p>			

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		Jeff Roberts – No Kevin Spratlin – Yes Drew Hooker – No Rick Valentine – Yes Tommy Copeland – Yes Bill Reuter – Yes Pam Kiestler – Yes Motion carried by a vote of 5 yes and 3 no.			
Time Strange	Adjournment	The Chairman declared the business concluded and that the meeting was adjourned.			